Learning Conversation Notes	
Name of Partner:	Date:
Child Abuse Prevention Council-	September 22, 2005
Thrive by Five	
Number of Children Served:	<b>Ages:</b> 0 yr (45), 1 yr (59), 2 yr (56),
383	3 yr (47), 4 yr (56), 5 yr (114)
When Served:	Gender: Ethnicity:
Sept 1,2004- June 30, 2005	196-Male 231 - Caucasian
	181-Female 9 - African Amer.
	127 – Hispanic
	6 – Native Amer.
	4 – Pacific Islander
	2 – Middle Eastern
	3 – White/Hispanic
	1- Asian

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## **Outcomes:**

- Parents of children prenatal-five are aware of resources in their community (health, family support, childcare services, training opportunities) so that their children develop appropriately
- The community is aware of the resources available, accesses them, and transfers this knowledge to other families with prenatal-five children in the Rock Creek district
- Funds independent of First 5 funds will be maintained to support 20% of the preventative health portion through 2005-2006

## **Performance Measures:**

- Demographics number of prenatal through 5 served broken down by age, gender, ethnicity, and when services were provided
- Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Tracking number of "Risk of Retention" letters (at 3 months, among those who attended summer program vs. those who did not) Rock Creek Elementary School
- Track academic related Student Assistant Team referrals to Child Study Team (at 3 months, among those who attended summer program vs. those who did not). Rock Creek Elementary School
- Number of parents or caregivers of children prenatal through 5 in the Rock Creek attendance area contacted (door-to-door, FRC, Child Development Services, School)
- Number accessing services broken down by age of children tracked by source of referral, referral given and when service accessed – Child Abuse Prevention Council & PCOE Child Development Services
- Photos & Stories
- Participant surveys measuring transfer of knowledge
- Funds received and applied towards the preventative health portion of the 2005-2006 Thrive by Five project

# What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes?

Thrive by 5 is overall reaching the people who need to be reached in this particular area.

The door-to-door project knocked on 307 doors, made 209 live contacts, 179 contacts wanted information, 117 contacts with children, and of those contacts - 76 were families with children aged 0-5.

Less than 10% of the doors knocked on (30 doors) refused to open the door and requested no return.

Going door-to-door to reach potential clients is extremely labor intensive.

Of the 76 families with children 0-5 reached by door-to-door contact, 22% completed contact with FRC and resulted in Intake.

In addition to 383 children served through case management, 85 children were contacted by the door-to-door strategy that did not result in Intake. Of these 85 children 35 were male and 44 were female.

34/76 (45%) of door-to-door homes with 0-5 children were unaware of community resources. On the positive side, over 50% of families with children 0-5 was aware of community resources.

## **ASQ** Results

It was determined the information reflected in the ASQ did not accurately reflect the child's development and the 5-Year Old Assessment was used. See below.

#### 5-Year Old Assessment

18 assessment areas: all children improved in at least one third of the assessment areas.

With regard to the children that attended summer camp, parents were accessing this resource. The 19 children who completed the summer camp have developed appropriately and are ready to attend kindergarten.

#### Health

A local dentist has been identified by the FRC to provide free dental work, which speaks to the sustainability outcome to support 20% of the preventative health portion through 2005-2006. The Lion's club has also offered support with vision services, which helps the achievement of the sustainability outcome.

Thrive by 5 staff was disappointed in the number of families who took advantage of the free screens for hearing, vision, speech, and dental. But of those who screened, 100% of screened children now have health insurance and parents are aware how to access the insurance and health care providers. Specifically 7 families were uninsured, and were assisted in obtaining Kaisers child health plan which is able to cover undocumented children for \$8-15 per month. Other families were referred to Healthy Families or MediCal. These families were followed until they had their first appointment.

All children identified during the health screenings as requiring further services, received those services prior to the school year or within the first two weeks of the school year versus having to wait half way through the school year to receive screening and referred services.

#### Childcare Services

Four licensed childcare providers have been added to the Rock Creek area since the project started in conjunction with the Thrive by 5 collaborative.

## Transfer of Knowledge

86 (47%) of 184 case-managed families were referred by a friend or family member. An additional 8 families or (11%) were picked up directly through the door-to-door outreach project. This speaks directly to outcome 2.

25/184 (14%) referred by Thrive by 5 project partners. (See data for other referral sources)

Due to the wide variety of referral sources, it shows that many families and community agencies are aware of available services and refer to one another.

# In what ways will we apply what we have learned from our data?

Going door-to-door is a good outreach strategy and should be continued even though it is labor intensive.

Anecdotal quotes support that the outreach efforts are effective.

## ASQ Results

Pre-and post ASQ completed by parents resulted in inaccurate data. Therefore staff decided to use another method of evaluation. The 5- Year Old Assessment checklist was completed by the staff at the Rock Creek summer program when the children entered the program and again when they exited. See the attached.

Thrive by 5 will administer ASQ survey to be done at the time of registration rather than having parents complete the ASQ without assistance.

## 5-Year Old Assessment

It was effective for summer camp staff to have a relationship with the kindergarten teacher and provide camp progress reports so that he/she will be better prepared to meet the needs of children as they are handed off from camp to kindergarten.

Childcare provider training classes for the exempt providers will be modified to start with child development and end with CPR.

# Other points that were made during the conversation:

Data for Hispanic children participating in the program does not reflect the school's current demographics. This could be the result of the availability of transportation to and from school, and/or the area that was targeted for the door-to-door project.

The summer camp program has prompted parents to be more involved, and Rock Creek has experienced the highest numbers of timely enrollment in kindergarten.

There was a significant increase of parents picking up registration packets early.

# **Next steps:**

Look at the first trimester Risk of Retention Letters for students currently enrolled at the next learning conversation for students who had attended summer camp. (Also look at student assistant team referral for students who attended camp).

Collaborative will develop new strategies to inform the community about the health screenings.

Review the financial sustainability report (total cost for preventative health portion broken down by source of funds) at the next meeting.

Next learning conversation February 28, 2006, 1:00 - 4:30.